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PATENT

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Title: METHODS TO TREAT UNDESIRABLE IMMUNE RESPONSES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In the response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 1, line 9, please delete:

"Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/564,972, filed November 30, 1995, currently pending, which is incorporated by reference herein."

At page 77, line 26, please delete "atnibodies" and insert -- antibodies -- therefor.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 14-15, 19-30 and 32-33 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of preventing or inhibiting an indication or disease associated with aberrant, pathogenic or undesirable antibody production which is specific for a particular antigen, comprising: administering to the respiratory tract of a mammal afflicted with, or at risk of, the indication or disease a dosage form comprising an amount of at least one epitope peptide, a variant thereof or a combination thereof,